

Vision, Mission, and Values for the Bureau of Behavioral Health

VISION:

A model community in which behavioral health equity and optimal wellness are possible for all who live, work and visit Howard County.

MISSION:

To promote behavioral health wellness, provide integrated linkage to behavioral health resources and prevention services for all in Howard County.

VALUES:

Health Equity- We believe that all Howard County residents should have equal access to programs and resources that support and promote behavioral health.

Cultural Competency- The Bureau of Behavioral Health (BBH) is committed to providing and promoting behavioral health programs that meet social, cultural and linguistic needs of the residents of Howard County.

Person-centered Care- The BBH believes that individuals who seek behavioral health services should have a voice in how their care is delivered.

Accountability- The BBH will be well managed and fiscally responsible. Programs managed by the BBH will have well-defined outcomes, which will be reviewed on a systematic basis. The BBH will ensure services delivered by partnering agencies and internal programs meet the satisfaction of consumers.

Collaboration- The BBH strives to work with other agencies, stakeholders and state and local government to ensure there is a comprehensive system of care for individuals

Innovation- The Bureau of Behavioral Health will continuously review scientific literature to ensure programs are being implemented according to best practices, and to identify and implement emerging promising practices that support positive behavioral health outcomes.

Quality- The BBH will ensure that adequate structures are in place to provide and support the behavioral health system and the implementation of evidence-based programs that will improve behavioral health outcomes for all Howard County residents.

Advocacy- The BBH will advocate to improve behavioral health for Howard County residents by raising awareness of behavioral health needs in our community, disseminating relevant information, providing education and training, promoting stigma reduction and supporting policies that align with our mission.

Responsive System- The BBH will be responsible, accessible, reliable and provide adequate resources to address the needs of those it serves. The BBH will ensure that quality services are provided and that we are proactive in addressing the diverse and changing needs of our community.